

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
KITCHEN, et al. : Expected  
: Group Art Unit: 2764  
Application No: Unassigned (Rule 53(b):  
Continuation of Appl. Serial No. : Expected  
09/034,561 filed March 3, 1998). : Examiner: R. Alvarez  
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Filed: Concurrently herewith :  
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For: ELECTRONIC BILL PROCESSING :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant  
Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This preliminary amendment is filed concurrently with the filing of a continuation under 37 USC 1.53(b) of pending Application Serial No. 09/034,561, filed March 3, 1998. Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE

Please amend the title to read --BILL AVAILABILITY NOTIFICATION  
AND BILLING INFORMATION REQUEST--